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1. The Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield was observed from the east between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The weather was fair until noon but became overcast and rainy about 4 p.m. Twelve single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the two hangars on the eastern edge of the field. Except for the numbers 41, 42, 43, and 44 no other markings were seen. About 25 single-engine low-wing monoplanes of the same type were towed out of the two hangars at 11 a.m. Thus the field was occupied by at least 37 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, several biplanes and one twin-engine aircraft, presumably a DC-3.
2. Description of single-engine low-wing monoplane: In-line engine, six exhaust mufflers on each side, three-bladed propeller, low-wing monoplane, wings cranked about 1 1/2 meter from the fuselage, trailing edge of wing straight, wing tips rounded. Two versions of rudder assembly: isosceles or trailing edge almost vertical. Elevator assembly triangular, landing gear retracting vertically. Fuselage between 10 and 11 meters long, two-seat, full-view cockpit rounded at fore. One cannon of 30 to 40 mm caliber in each wing set at bend, barrel projecting beyond leading edge by about 50 cm. Some planes had two cannons in each wing, the second set from 1 to 1 1/2 meters outside, measuring from the bend. Some planes had a machine gun in the cockpit, pointing to the rear. Paint: light blue below, dark-green above. Line of the aircraft towed out of the hangars had yellow propeller hubs and one the number 29 on the fuselage and the tip of the rudder assembly painted blue.

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Seven planes had red hubs. The previously observed aircraft of this type with numbers on the rudder assembly were no longer seen.

3. The aircraft were started at 1:20 p.m. by soldiers standing on a truck. A passenger car and a radio truck with a flexible 8-meter antenna rod were stationed at the take-off point at the eastern edge of the field, north of the runway which was under construction.

4. The construction of a new E-W runway was in full swing. According to construction workers and a German in charge, the runway was to be 60 x 1,800 meters, with 25-cm sublayer of sand and a concrete cover of 6 to 8 cm.**

25X1A * Comment: The report confirms the assumed presence of a ground attack regiment in Koethen.

It is believed

that the ground attack regiment is equipped with IL-2s and IL-10s. The ground attack regiment had come from Fueterbog-Altes Lager and the ground attack regiment previously stationed in Koethen was transferred to Stendal.

25X1A ** Comment: The construction work (construction of a concrete runway) was confirmed by other sources. The reported length of the runway is considered credible compared with the statements of other sources.

25X1A Comment: The report does not indicate whether the air reconnaissance regiment previously stationed in Koethen is still there.

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